

DR. KING BUGGING BY F.B.I. VERIFIED

Ex-Agent Told Watergate
Panel That Check in '64
Was Done for Johnson

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26—
Senator Howard H. Baker Jr.
said today that the Senate
Watergate committee had ob-
tained evidence that the Fed-
used electronic listening de-
vices against the Rev. Dr. Mar-
tin Luther King Jr. during the
1964 Democratic National Con-
vention.

Appearing on the ABC tele-
vision program "Issues and
Answers," the Tennessee Re-
publican said he had "sat in"
on an interview between
Watergate Committee investi-
gators and Leo T. Clark, for-
mer agent in charge of the
Atlantic City F.B.I. field of-
fice, in which Mr. Clark said
the electronic surveillance of
Dr. King had been conducted
for President Johnson.

Sources on the now defunct
Watergate committee said that
Mr. Clark disclosed that the
electronic surveillance of Dr.
King had picked up Represent-
atives, Senators and Robert F.
Kennedy, then Attorney Gen-
eral, in their private conversa-
tions with the civil rights
leader.

Not in 1972 Campaign

Mr. Baker said the content
of the interview with Mr. Clark
had not been made a part of
the final Watergate report be-
cause "it was not involved in
the '72 Presidential campaign."

Two former counsels on the
Watergate committee said a
memorandum on the Clark in-
terview had been turned over
to a Congressional committee.
A spokesman for the F.B.I. said
the bureau's current director,
Clarence M. Kelley, expected to
be questioned on the incident
during Congressional hearings
this week.

The Washington Post report-
ed the Clark interview today.
According to its account, Car-
tha D. DeLoach, then assistant
to J. Edgar Hoover, director of
the F.B.I., set up a special team
of agents to conduct "technical
surveillance" (F.B.I. jargon for
wiretapping and bugging) and
physical surveillance at the con-
vention. The team was ordered

by the Johnson White House,
according to the article, and its
stated purpose was to gather
intelligence on potential vio-
lence or disruptions. Mr. Clark
told the Senate investigators.

Arranged for Rooms

The Post gave these addi-
tional details:

Mr. Clark said he had ar-
ranged with the management
of Atlantic City's Claridge Ho-
tel to have Dr. King and his
party stay in rooms 1901, 1902
and 1923.

He said he stayed in a room
a floor below those held by
Dr. King. He said the room was
used to monitor transmissions
of wiretaps and bugs from Dr.
King's quarters and from 2414
Atlantic Avenue, a storefront
used by the Congress of Racial
Equality and other civil rights
groups.

The conversations were mon-
itored by F.B.I. agents and also
tape recorded. The tape record-
ings were telephoned to Mr.
DeLoach and other agents at a
special control center. Mr. Clark
said information pertinent to
the security responsibilities of
the Secret Service and the local
police were passed onto those
agencies.

"Clark recalls overhearing
DeLoach speaking on the tele-
phone to President Johnson and
to Director Hoover, giving them
summary information from the
technical surveillance," the
Watergate committee mem-
orandum said.

Denied Talking to Johnson

Mr. DeLoach denied under
oath in a 1973 Watergate com-
mittee interview that he had a
direct line to President Johnson
or spoke to him during the
convention. Mr. DeLoach was
not available for comment
today.

In a DeLoach conversation
with the President, the Water-
gate committee memorandum
continued, according to the
Post, "Clark heard mention of
discussions concerning the
seating of delegates or delega-
tions," of Vice-Presidential can-
didate possibilities, and the
identities of Congressmen and
Senators going in and out of
King's quarters."

Mr. Clark, who retired from
the F.B.I. in 1965 after 22 years
of service had left his New
Jersey home for a Florida vaca-
tion and was not available for
comment.

Senator Baker suggested that
the newly-created Senate Se-
lect Committee on the Intelli-
gence Community might sub-
poena documents from Presi-
dent Johnson's memorial library
in an effort to set the record
straight. He also did not rule
out the issuing of a subpoena to
former President Richard M.
Nixon for other testimony.